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RE-EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF YEMENI ARMED FORCES; YARG

REQUESTS JORDANIAN AIRLIFT OF AMMUNITION TO MEET THREAT

ON PDRY BORDER

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1. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA TELLS ME HE SAW CC CHAIRMAN

HAMDI AGAIN JULY 2 AT LATTER'S REQUEST. HAMDI SAID HE

WOULD BE VISITING SAUDI ARABIA BEGINNING JULY 7. HE

WISHED AT THAT TIME PUT TO SAG COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR

RE-EQUIPPING AND RETRAINING YAR ARMED FORCES. IN

ADDITION TO EQUIPMENT LISTS ON WHICH JORDANIAN ADVISORY

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TEAM ALREADY AT WORK (REFTEL), IN BRIEF TIME REMAINING

BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE HE WISHED JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS ADVISORS PULL TOGETHER AN OUTLINE OF WHAT WOULD BE NEEDED IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL FOR JORDAN TO UNDER TAKE COMPLETE RETRAINING OF YEMENI ARMED FORCES, AND ANNUAL COST.

2. HAMDI SAID IT WAS HIS INTENTION TELL SAUDI ARABIA THAT YARG WILLING ALIGN ITS POLICIES COMPLETELY WITH THOSE OF SAG PROVIDED SAG WILLING TREAT YEMEN AS SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT. USSR, WHICH ARMING YAR'S ENEMY PDRY, WAS THEREFORE ALSO ENEMY OF YAR. HE DETERMINED REMOVE ALL SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS AT EARLY DATE. IF SAG WISHED WORK WITH YEMEN TOWARD THIS OBJECTIVE, ITS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ENABLING JORDAN REPLACE USSR AND IN HELPING YEMEN PURCHASE AMERICAN WEAPONS TO REPLACE OBSOLETE SOVIET INVENTORY, WOULD BE WELCOME. IF SAG NOT PREPARED SUPPORT THISQ NITIATIVE FINANCIALLY, YARG WOULD BE ABLE FIND ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE.

3. HAMDI INFORMED AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA THAT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SAG WILLING PICK UP THE BILL, IT WAS HIS INTENTION HAVE JORDANIANS REPLACE RUSSIANS AS MILITARY ADVISORS. MONEY WAS NO PROBLEM;/ (AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA TOOK THIS TO MEAN THAT ABU DHABI WOULD PAY.) HAMDI SAID THAT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM SAUDI ARABIA HE WOULD ASK AMBAS- SADOR MUSTAFA HAND CARRY A LETTER TO KING HUSSEIN REQUESTING THE TRAINING ADVISORS RECOMMENDED BY PRESENT JORDANIAN TEAM HERE.

4. HAMDI TOLD AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA THAT DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA HE INTENDED REQUEST RECALL OF SAUDI MILITARY ATTACHE COL. SALIH MUHAMMAD AL-GHUFAYLI WHOSE INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF YAR MILITARY COMMAND COULD NOT BE TOLERATED.

5. IN SAME CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA MANAGED TO TRIM SOMEWHAT HAMDI'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF AMERICAN EQUIPMENT TO BE FINANCED BY SAG, E.G. HAMDI WILLING ACCEPT A FIRST SHIPMENT OF 100 M48A3 TANKS, ONE RATHER THAN THREE AIR FORCE SQUADRONS.

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6. AMBASSADOR MUSTAFA SAID THAT ON JULY 3 HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY LTC ABU-SHUWARIB SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HAMDI AND DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS CC QTE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN UNQTE. SHUWARIB SAID INTELLIGENCE SHOWED THAT PDRY HAS BROUGHT UP FORCES IN BORDER AREAS ADJOINING BAB AL-MANDAB AND BAIDHA. IF PDRY SHOULD DECIDE ATTACK, YARG FORCES CRITICALLY SHORT OF AMMUNITION. YARG THEREFORE REQUESTING GOJ IMME- DIATELY AIRLIFT TO SANAA 500,000 ROUNDS 50 CALIBER

AMMUNITION, 500 ROUNDS FOR SALADIN ARMORED CARS, 500
ROUNDS 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLE. SHUWARIB SAID YARG WOULD
HAVE PAYMENT READY AT AIRPORT.

7. AMBASSAODR MUSTAFA SAID HE WISHED ME BE INFORMED OF
FOREGOING TO FACILITATE USG APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF AMMO
PROVIDED KING HUSSEIN AGREED ASSIST. HE THOUGHT FORMAL
APPROACH TO USG WOULD BE THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS IN AMMAN.
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